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SOMALI NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO MAIN FOCUS ON PODGORNYY VISIT. RADIO
MOGADISCIO COMMENTARY JULY 11, AS FOLLOWS:

THE POLITICAL AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION
AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES.
SINCE 1960, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, THE UNITED NATIONS
WAS DEBATING THE CALL WHICH REQUESTED THE WORLD ORGANIZATION
TO URGE INDEPENDENCE TO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE STILL UNDER
COLONIAL DOMINATION. APPARENTLY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
POLICY WAS FIRMLY ACTED UPON BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES. THE SOVIET UNION BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL
AND CALLED FOR ITS CONDEMNATION FOR ITS EXPANSIONISM POLICY.
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN
AMERICAN CAN BE STRENGTHENED BY SUCH A VISIT OF PRESIDENT
PODGORNYY TO SOMALIA.

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HORSEED JULY 12, ARABIC -

COMRADE PODGORNYY ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED IN SOMALIA. PRESIDENT SIYAD IN WELCOMING SPEECH SAYS UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED SINCE THE DOWN OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION. PODGORNYY SAYS - "YOU HAVE BECOME GUARDIAN OF YOUR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE. SOMALIA WILL NEVER RETURN TO THE OLD STATE OF BEING PREY TO FOREIGN MONOPOLIES."
HIGHEST STATE MEDAL AWARDED TO PRESIDENT PODGORNYY.

HORSEED JULY 12 (ITALIAN) -
SOMALI-SOVIET RELATIONS FURTHER STRENGTHENED.
A TRUE FRIEND IS A FRIEND INDEED (PODGORNYY)

OCTOBER STAR, JULY 12 -
PRESIDENT SIYAD: SOMALI-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP HAS A LONG HISTORY
PRESIDENT PODGORNYY: SOMALI-SOVIET AGREEMENT IS NOT AGAHKST
AMU THIRD COUNTRY (TEXT NOT AVAILABLE YET).
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